



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Irrigation District met on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at the district office for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly business. Those in attendance were directors Erick von Lubken, Don Chandler, and Bill Munk and Pete Siragusa; District Manager, Les Perkins; Office Manager, June Brock; and Watershed Manager, Megan Saunders.

Chairman Erick von Lubken called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

The minutes of the May 15, 2019 board meeting were presented and discussed. It was moved by Bill Munk and seconded by Don Chandler to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

The O&M bills for the month of June 2019 were presented and discussed. It was moved by Don Chandler and seconded by Bill Munk to approve the bills in the amount of \$140,809.54. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

a) A/R Report – Les reported that the district has received \$1,031,658.75 to date representing 96% of total 2019 assessments charged vs 96% last year. 1 lien has been satisfied.

b) Hydro Production – May's production was projected at 2.1 million kWh. Actual production was 2,198,805 kWh (see attached). Hydro revenue for May was projected at \$164,955.00. Actual revenue was \$175,390.56. EOM balance for May including reserves as of June 13th was \$1,573,167.22. Les projected June's revenue/production to be considerably less than projected due to high irrigation demand and low river flows.

c) Manager's Report – Les reported that the reservoirs are holding steady and meeting irrigation demand with approximately 1 cfs coming in and 3.1 going out. Les also reported that the irrigation season is going well, and Plant 3 is now off line. The water year outlook is not favorable due to hot, dry conditions and the river flows are lower than normal.



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Projects: Reservoir - Megan reported that we have our NMFS concurrence. Crestline has been working on erosion control to allow the erosion control to be hardy enough to survive for a year since the project has been delayed again. The original erosion control was put in place last fall to last less than a year. Heidi Hartman from DSL was on site last Thursday and she is very happy with the project erosion control to date. The Army Corps of Engineers and DEQ will be on site next week. The 401 certification fee has been paid, so hopefully the certificate will be issued soon.

Gate, Cabin, Rainy Diversions/Screens – Les, Megan, ODF&W toured the diversions on May 13th. ODFW determined that the screens will need to be replaced at Gate and Cabin Creeks. Les, Megan, and Rick toured the screen sites with USFS to discuss the potential screen replacements. USFS staff felt that the work could likely be completed as maintenance under our existing easement. Screen replacement plans will be drawn up this summer for replacement in summer of 2020.

Davenport Screen –A new side reading Doppler meter has been installed at the downstream end of the Davenport screen. The Deep Cut flow meter has also been replaced and is now functioning properly. New walkways and a ladder have been installed at the Davenport screen. Crestline Construction, Doppler meters and materials will be reimbursed by FCA.

Tag-out and Lock-out safety materials have been purchased.

Pump Station – The pump station is still having issues holding pressure due to lead and lag set points. Sierra Controls LLC (Water Measurement and Control Systems) is on-site this week to resolve these issues. Sierra Controls are also surveying the district for radio paths for our SCADA system. A new server will be installed at P3, this will allow for migration of the Davenport Fish Screen and Farmers Canal pipe line and other diversions as new meters are installed and telemetry sites are upgraded.

LIHI – The district has received an extension and Megan is working on the LIHI recertification. Megan is also drafting a new MOA between the District, DEQ and ODF&W regarding the ceasing of hydropower diversion and low instream flows. In the past the district has scheduled its annual maintenance shut down the first two weeks in October, this can now be changed to late August or early September for Hydro maintenance.

Easements – David Winans sent a letter (see attached) to the district requesting an access road over our easement to his property. After meeting with Les on June 18th, Mr. Winans decided to first try to resolve the issue by accessing the property via Iowa Dr. This will require coordination with Hood River County.

PacifiCorp – Les was informed that Hood River County's Emergency Management and many other state wide areas that are as "high risk" may experience electrical outages due to de-energizing of their high voltage power lines. This came about from last year's wild fire in Paradise, CA. (see PacifiCorp's media statement dated June 13th). PacifiCorp has identified Hood River as an area where they will implement line de-energizing procedures due to high fire danger.



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Mr. Dick Kobayashi requested a 5.51 water right transfer on his properties located on Binns Hill. The Board provided consensus that this transfer was within the District's best interest and was reasonable to pursue. Rick is working on this request.

LEGAL: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Signed: _____ Bill Munk, Secretary

Attest: _____ Erick von Lubken, Chairman